

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 22-44 are pending in the present application. Claims 22-44 have been presented herewith. Claims 1-21 have been canceled.

Also by this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been revised to identify the parent applications.

Also enclosed is an Annotated Marked-up copy of Fig. 12, wherein the epoxy base plate has been correctly denoted as "16", as consistent with the other figures. Formal Fig. 12 as provided along with the application papers includes this drawing correction incorporated therein.

Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

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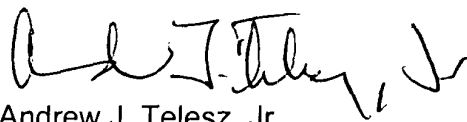
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Telesz, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosure: Annotated Marked-up Fig. 12